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HALLOWEEN COSTUMED BANK ROBBER GETS 37 MONTH JAIL TERM

SACRAMENTO—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that CHANDLER EDWARD SASO, 29, of Marysville, California, was sentenced today for bank robbery to 37 months in prison by United States District Court Judge Garland E. Burrell, Jr.

The case was investigated by the Sacramento Violent Crimes Task Force, which includes the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Yuba City Police Department, and the Marysville Police Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who prosecuted the case, on September 10, 2007, SASO and ANDREW E. WILSON, 20, of Sacramento, donned Halloween costumes consisting of face paint, sunglasses, head coverings, and spray hair color and then robbed the Schools Financial Credit Union, 1055 Gray Avenue in Yuba City. They went into the credit union at approximately 2:44 p.m. and demanded thousands of dollars. SASO and WILSON threatened, intimidated, and placed credit union employees in fear of harm in order to carry out the robbery. SASO demanded loot from the credit union teller while WILSON watched the lobby and covered the bank doors. They both were on parole by the state of California at the time of the robbery.

In addition to the 37-month federal term, SASO was ordered to pay full restitution and a special assessment of \$100.00. On February 15, 2008, WILSON was sentenced by Judge Burrell to 30 months in federal prison. WILSON was also ordered to pay full restitution and a special assessment of \$100.00. Following completion of the imposed jail term, each defendant will be on federal supervised release for three years.

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